

Enter the Dolphin, Orleans, Ramburs, and Beaumont.

Orleans. The Sunne doth gild our Armour vp, my Lords.

Dolph. Monte Cheual: My Horse, Verlot Lacquay: Ha.

Orleans. Oh braue Spirit.

Dolph. Via les ewes & terre.

Orleans. Rien puis le air & feu.

Dolph. Cein, Cousin Orleans. Enter Constable.

Now my Lord Constable?

Const. Hearke how our Scedes, for present Seruice neigh.

Dolph. Mount them, and make incision in their Hides, That their hot blood may spin in English eyes, And doubt them with superfluous courage: ha.

Ram. What, wil you haue them weep our Horses blood? How shall we then behold their naturall teares?

Enter Messenger.

Messenger. The English are embattail'd, you French Peeres.

Const. To Horse you gallant Princes, straight to Horse. Doe but behold yond poore and starued Band, And your faire shew shall suck away their Soules, Leauing them but the shales and huskes of men. There is not worke enough for all our hands, Scarce blood enough in all their sickly Veines, To giue each naked Curtileax a stayne. That our French Gallants shall to day draw out, And sheath for lack of sport. Let vs but blow on them, The vapour of our Valour will o're-turne them. 'Tis positue against all exceptions, Lords, That our superfluous Lacquies, and our Pefants, Who in ynecessarie action swarme About our Squares of Battaile, were enow To purge this field of such a hilding Foe; Though we vpon this Mountaine Basis by, Tooke stand for idle speculation: But that our Honours must not. What's to say? A very little little let vs doe, And all is done: then let the Trumpets sound The Tucket Sonuance, and the Note to mount: For our approach shall so much dare the field, That England shall couch downe in feare, and yeeid.

Enter Grandpree.

Grandpree. Why do you stay so long, my Lords of France? Yond Iland Carriens, desperate of their bones, Ill-faouredly become the Morning field: Their ragged Curtaines poorely are let loose, And our Ayre shakes them passing scornfully. Bigge Mars seemes banqu'rout in their begger'd Hoast, And faintly through a rustie Beuer peepes. The Horsemen sit like fixed Candlesticks, With Torch-staues in their hand: and their poore Iades Lob downe their heads, dropping the hides and hips: The gumme downe roping from their pale-dead eyes, And in their pale dull mouthes the Iymold Bitt Lyes foule with chaw'd-grasse, still and motionlesse. And their executors, the knauish Crowes, Flye o're them all, impatient for their howre. Description cannot sute it selfe in words, To demonstrate the Life of such a Battaile, In life so liuelesse, as it shewes it selfe.

Const. They haue said their prayers, And they stay for death.

Dolph. Shall we goe send them Dinners, and fresh Sutes,

And giue their fasting Horses Prouender, And after fight with them?

Const. I stay but for my Guard: on To the field, I will the Banner from a Trumpet take, And vse it for my haste. Come, come away, The Sunne is high, and we out-weare the day. Exeunt.

Enter Gloucester, Bedford, Exeter, Erpingham with all his Hoast: Salisbury, and Westmerland.

Glouc. Where is the King?

Bedf. The King himselfe is rode to view their Battaile.

West. Of fighting men they haue full threescore thousand.

Exe. There's five to one, besides they all are fresh.

Salub. Gods Arme strike with vs, 'tis a fearefull oddes.

God buy you Princes all; Ile to my Charge:

If we no more meet, till we meet in Heauen; Then ioyfully, my Noble Lord of Bedford,

My deare Lord Gloucester, and my good Lord Exeter,

And my kind Kinsman, Warriors all, adieu.

Bedf. Farwell good Salisbury, & good luck go with thee.

And yet I doe thee wrong, to mind thee of it,

For thou art fram'd of the firme truth of valour.

Exe. Farwell kind Lord: fight valiantly to day.

Bedf. He is as full of Valour as of Kindnesse,

Princely in both.

Enter the King.

West. O that we now had here But one ten thousand of those men in England,

That doe no worke to day.

King. What's he that wishes so?

My Cousin Westmerland. No, my faire Cousin:

If we are markt to dye, we are enow

To doe our Countrey losse: and if to liue,

The fewer men, the greater share of honour,

Gods will, I pray thee wish not one man more,

By Ioue, I am not couetous for Gold,

Nor care I who doth feed vpon my cost:

It yernes me not, if men my Garments weare;

Such outward things dwell not in my desires.

But if it be a sinne to couet Honor,

I am the most offending Soule alive.

No faith, my Couze, with not a man from England:

Gods peace, I would not loose so great an Honor,

As one man more me thinkes would share from me,

For the best hope I haue. O, doe not wish one more:

Rather proclaime it (Westmerland) through my Hoast,

That he which hath no stomack to this fight,

Let him depart, his Passport shall be made,

And Crownes for Conuoy put into his Purse:

We would not dye in that mans companie,

That feares his fellowship, to dye with vs.

This day is call'd the Feast of Crispian:

He that out-lives this day, and comes safe home,

Will stand a tip-toe when this day is named,

And rowle him at the Name of Crispian.

He that shall see this day, and liue old age,

Will yetterly on the Vigil feast his neighbours,

And say, to morrow is Saint Crispian.

Then will he strip his fleene, and shew his skarres:

Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot:

But hee'll remember, with aduantages,

What feats he did that day. Then shall our Names,

Familiar in his mouth as household words,

Harry the King, Bedford and Exeter, Warwick and Talbot, Salisbury and Gloucester, Be in their flowing Cups freshly remembered. This story shall the good man teach his sonne: And Crispine Crispian shall ne're goe by, From this day to the ending of the World, But we in it shall be remembered; We few, we happy few, we band of brothers: For he to day that sheds his blood with me, Shall be my brother: be he ne're so vile, This day shall gentle his Condition. And Gentlemen in England, now a bed, Shall thinke the selfes accurst they were not here; And hold their Manhoods cheape, whiles any speaks, That fought with vs vpon Saint Crispines day.

Enter Salisbury.

Sal. My Souerain Lord, bestow your selfe with speed: The French are brauely in their battailes set, And will with all expedience charge on vs.

King. All things are ready, if our minds be so.

West. Perish the man, whose mind is backward now.

King. Thou do'st not wish more helpe from England,

Couze?

West. Gods will, my Liege, would you and I alone,

Without more helpe, could fight this Royall battaile.

King. Why now thou hast vnwisht five thousand men:

Which likes me better, then to wish vs one.

You know your places: God be with you all.

Tucket. Enter Montjoy.

Mont. Once more I come to know of thee King Harry, If for thy Ransome thou wilt now compound,

Before thy most assured Ouerthrow:

For certainly, thou art so neere the Gulfe,

Thou needs must be englutted. Besides, in mercy

The Constable desires thee, thou wilt mind

Thy followers of Repentance: that their Soules

May make a peacefull and a sweet retryre

From off these fields: where (wretches) their poore bodies

Must lye and fester.

King. Who hath sent thee now?

Mont. The Constable of France.

King. I pray thee beare my former Answer back:

Did them atchieue me, and then sell my bones.

Good God, why should they mock poore fellows thus?

The man that once did sell the Lyons skin

While the beast liu'd, was kill'd with hunting him.

A many of our bodies shall no doubt

Find Native Graues: vpon the which, I trust

Shall witness liue in Brasse of this dayes worke.

And those that leaue their valiant bones in France,

Dying like men, though buried in your Dunghills,

They shall be fam'd: for there the Sun shall greet them,

And draw their honors reeking vp to Heauen.

Leauing their earthly parts to choake your Clyme,

The smell whereof shall breed a Plague in France.

Marke then abounding valour in our English:

That being dead, like to the bullets crafing,

Breake out into a second course of mischief,

Killing in relapse of Mortalitie.

Let me speake proudly: Tell the Constable,

We are but Warriors for the working day:

Our Gaynesse and our Gilt are all besmyrcht

With raynie Marching in the painefull field.

There's not a piece of feather in our Hoast:

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